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HEREWITH, AS REQUESTED REFTEL, POST'S REVIEW OF CP
PROJECTS:

A. 01 - ONGOING UNTIL DECEMBER 13.

B. 02 - PLANS TO HOLD SEMINARS WERE CANCELLED WHEN SOVIET
INSTITUTIONS POST INVITED TO SERVE AS CO-SPONSORES DID NOT
ACCEPT OUR PROPOSED FORMAT. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS RECRUITED BY
ICS/DP AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE SEMINARS, PROFESSOR HAROLD
ISSACS, HAS HOWEVER COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO THE USSR AND
ADDRESSED TOPICS WHICH WERE TO HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE SEMINARS.

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D. 04 - IN PREPARATION BY ICS.

E. 05 - THIS CONTINUES TO BE A PRIORITY ITEM IN OUR PROJECTED PROGRAM FOR 1977.

F. 06 - POST CONTINUES TO BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN A VISIT BY MEMBER OF CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THIS TOPIC. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE SAME INDIVIDUAL OPEN THE "PHOTOGRAPHY USA" EXHIBIT (UR-03) IN ITS FOURTH CITY SOMETIME IN MARCH, 1977. HENCE, SPEAKER SHOULD BE RECRUITED FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS DURING THAT TIME.

G. 07 - POST HAS LEARNED FROM THE USA INSTITUTE THAT RICHARD SCAMMON IS EXPECTED TO VISIT THE USSR AS THE INSTITUTE'S GUEST IN 1977. REQUEST ICS CONTACT SCAMMON TO INQUIRE RE HIS PLANS TO VISIT USSR AND SPECIFICALLY RE FUNDING OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO AND FROM USSR, WHICH THE USA INSTITUTE DOES NOT COVER. IF SCAMMON IS STILL SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COVER TRAVEL, REQUEST AGENCY ADVISE HIM THAT, IF HE CONCURS, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT WITH USA INSTITUTE COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO HIS VISIT, ALONG LINES PROPOSED FOR STANLEY HOFFMANN'S VISIT IN MOSCOW'S 4404. IF USA INSTITUTE IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE ON VISIT, POST RECOMMENDS SCAMMON'S VISIT BE FUNDED FROM USG SOURCES, PERHAPS VIA AMSPEC GRANT. REQUEST ICS CONSULT WITH CU ON THIS.

H. 08 - PARTIALLY FULFILLED BUT POST REMAINS INTERESTED IN ANOTHER SPEAKER. VISIT BY AMSPEC WALKER CONNOR (SEE MOSCOW 18755) MAY COMPLETE PROJECT.

I. 09 - REMAIN INTERESTED.

J. 10 - REMAIN INTERESTED. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED SPEAKERS: MICHAEL O'LEARY OR WILLIAM COPLIN, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, AUTHORS OF QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES IN FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING.

K. 11 - REMAIN INTERESTED.

L. 12 - REMAIN INTERESTED.
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M. 13 - THE POST HAS REPORTED ITS LACK OF SUCCESS IN ORGANIZING A RETROSPECTIVE FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FILMS, TO HELP CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR. WE ARE NOT AT ALL CERTAIN WHETHER WE WILL PROPOSE A U.S. FILM FESTIVAL FOR 1977, AS THE MOSCOW BIENNIAL FILM FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD IN JULY.

N. 14 - REMAIN INTERESTED. POST HAS COMMUNICATED WITH CU RE

POSSIBLE VISIT BY SAUL BELLOW AS AMSPEC. ALSO DISCUSSING WITH RRU WRITERS CURRENTLY IN EUROPE WHO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR VISITS TO USSR.

O. 15 - NON-ACTING THEATER EXCHANGE PLANNED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 1977 WITH PLAYWRIGHT ROSCHIN TO ACT AND AMERICAN DIRECTOR GEORGE BALL TO SOVIET UNION. BALL COULD LECTURE AS WELL AS DIRECT AN AMERICAN PLAY IN USSR.

P. 16 - WE HAVE ARRANGED A VISIT BY AMERICAN COMPOSER JOHN EATON, CONSIDERED ONE OF BEST ELECTRONIC COMPOSERS AND ALSO A NOTED JAZZ PIANIST. HE WILL BE A GUEST OF THE UNION OF COMPOSERS. USIA'S OWN EDWARD MATTOS AND FELLOW PIANIST GLEN JACOBSON ARE ALSO SCHEDULED TO PLAY AND SPEAK ON AMERICAN MUSIC JANUARY 16-31, 1977.

Q. 17 - HODGKINSON VISITED USSR IN JUNE, 1976, PARTIALLY COMPLETING PROJECT. RECENT VISIT BY U.S. DELEGATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND ITS PARTICIPATION IN SECOND SOVIET AMERICAN SEMINAR ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND PROJECTED VISIT BY DELEGATION IN PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION AS FOLLOW-UP TO HODGKINSON VISIT SHOULD COMPLETE PROJECT.

R. 18 - ACADEMY OF PEDAGOGICAL SCIENCES VIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TURNED DOWN "EDUCATION" BOOK EXHIBIT ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS NOT EMPOWERED UNDER SOVIET LAW TO ORGANIZE EXHIBITS. SPEAKER THEREFORE NO LONGER NEEDED.
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